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SUBJECT: RIYADH VIPER SUBMISSIONS AUGUST 2008

Classified By: Consul General Donald E. Jacobson for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (S/NF) Embassy Riyadh submits the following name as a Visas Viper submission for entry into the Department's CLASS lookout system: Muhamed Seyfudin Ciftci, DOB 27 August 1973.

Aliases: Muhamad Ciftci
Abu Anas (or Ebu Eness) Seifudin
Abu Anas Al-Turki.

¶2. (S/NF) Background: According to Embassy Riyadh's Defense Attaché, the information about Ciftci originated from an "allied national level intelligence organization" that has provided accurate information in the past. According to that source, Ciftci, is believed to have "tenuous" ties to known terrorists.

¶3. (S/NF) Ciftci studied Islam in Medina, Saudi Arabia, from 1998 to 2005. In September 2007, he made the Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) in Saudi Arabia and during that time apparently helped collect money for a mosque in Germany associated with known terrorists Fritz Gelowicz and Aladdine Tahib. They are believed to have exchanged detonators for a terrorist bomb attack (an attack thwarted by authorities) in a car registered in Ciftci's name. He may have fought in the Bosnian civil war and other conflicts, including Iraq.

¶4. (SBU) Post continues to hold monthly Visas Viper meetings and will continue to submit new CLASS additions via the Visas Viper reporting channel.

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